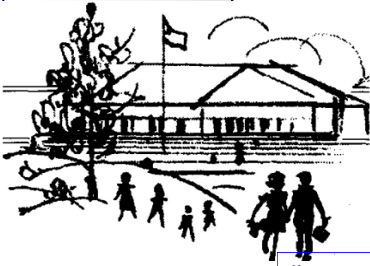


February 2018

Graham County School News



Graham County School Superintendent

Donna M. McGaughey

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"Providing Quality Service and Support to Graham County Schools"

Please visit our website

www.graham.az.gov

Superintendent's Message

With all the love in the air, I want to include my love for our great state by wishing everyone a happy Arizona Statehood month!

We blew through January with a full slate of really stellar activities for students and teachers. Thanks to the great staff at Discovery Park, several generous businesses and Freeport-McMoRan employees, local girls were treated to a full day of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities at the "GO STEM" day. The girls spent the day with professional women in the STEM field and participated in a variety of activities designed to help further their knowledge and interest in higher education and STEM careers. It was a successful day and I thank everyone involved for giving their time and expertise to our young people.

This month will be very busy starting with the FBLA Regionals at EAC on Feb. 1st. A high level of professionalism and knowledge of the business world will be demonstrated by hundreds of high school students. Good luck to everyone! I really want to encourage everyone to save this date—Saturday, Feb. 24th. The annual Gila Valley Health and STEAM Festival (STEM with Art!) will take place all morning on EAC's north campus and reconvene in the afternoon at Discovery Park. It's free with dozens of science activities for every age. Get your "passport" and become eligible for some great prizes! Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Birthday AZ!

Contact us!

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Online Registration:
www.graham.az.gov

Click on:
School Superintendent,
Workshops

Hours: Monday—Thursday
7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Dates to Remember:

- February 1**—FBLA Regionals at EAC
- February 10**—"Unconference" by teachers—for teachers
- February 14**—Arizona Statehood Day, Valentine's Day
- February 19**—President's Day (Graham County General Services Building closed)
- February 21**—Graham County Spelling Bee 6:00 p.m. in the General Services Building
- February 22**—Math 20/20 Grade 6 teachers
- February 22**—4th grade day at the Gila Valley Health and STEAM Festival
- February 23**—Math 20/20 for grade 1 teachers
- February 24**—Family Day at the Gila Valley Health and STEAM Festival at EAC
- February 28**—New Teacher Coalition meeting

Save Your Seat at SEATA! June 4-7
Preregistration details are coming soon!

Science Happens Here!

Local First Arizona, the Arizona Rural Development Council, the Arizona SciTech Festival and the Graham County School Office are presenting **Science Happens Here** to advance STEM education in our community. Parents are encouraged to take their students to local businesses to collect trading cards. The cards, shown below, are designed to engage students with the science connected to the business. The students can learn more about STEM by gaining access to simple experiments found online using the website and code found on each card.



The following businesses are participating in this year's program, which will run through the spring of 2018. The class with the most participants will win a prize. Last semester, Wanda Evans' 4th grade class at Dorothy Stinson had the most participation, followed by Melissa Lawson's class at Thatcher Elementary, and Chris Carrell's Class at Pima Jr. High. Thank you to the Arizona Science Center's Science on Wheels program for providing prizes! A new contest is happening right now!

Lee's Rite-Way
Trophies –N– Tees
Smith & Taylor Automotive
Indigo Mountain
The Hair Academy of Safford
Graham County Florist
Abacus Solutions
Carpet Tile and More
Cosmetology

Genevieve's Market Place
Debbie's Craft Connection
Kempton Chevrolet
Bowman Consulting
Graham County Co-op
Richard's Music Company
Holladay's Photo Emporium
Cottage Bakery
Ortega's Shoes

A Step Back in Time
Sun Pumps
Curtis Landscape
Taylor Freeze
Hot Wheels Cyclery
CMI Quick Copy
The Plantation
Eastern Arizona Academy of
Thank you business partners!

Graham County Spelling Bee Information

Timeline:

Graham County Spelling Bee Wednesday February 21, 2018

Arizona State Spelling Bee: Saturday, March 24, 2018 (tentative; awaiting final confirmation)

Scripps National Spelling Bee will be held in Washington, D.C. in late May or early June 2018



We need **YOU** to help us spread the word about the Arizona Renaissance Festival Student Days Immerse your students into the 16th century!



The Renaissance ideas that laid foundation for later inventions are still evident and influential today; Today's THINKERS, DREAMERS, INVENTORS are pushing the boundaries of what is known into the unknown; who knows what their discoveries will become?

Remember, Da Vinci knew flight was possible when no one else did...There are Da Vinci's of today just about to emerge...with new ideas and dreams for the future. SciTech and the Arizona Renaissance Festival enable students to see the connection between past, present and BEYOND!

2018 Student Day Dates

Tuesday, March 6th - Elementary Schools

Thursday, March 8th - Jr./Sr. High Schools

Hours: 9am - 2:30pm

The annual Arizona Renaissance Festival, with its 30-acre theatrical European market village offers a unique opportunity to bring an important era of study to life. Student Days were created to highlight the educational aspects of the Renaissance; language, science, exploration, mannerisms, history, customs, commedia theatre, jousting tournaments, artisan demonstrations and music are just some of the hands on learning opportunities that await your students.

- ♦ Please visit www.RenFestInfo.com and click on Student Days to download an order form or place your order online, or call 520-463-2600. **Order by February 14th, 2018 to receive FREE chaperone tickets.**
- ♦ If you are unable to attend-please share our flyer with a teacher who may be able to bring their class to Student Days.
- ♦ Enter Essay Contest to win a Classroom Field Trip back in time to the Renaissance. See Website for Contest Information and Rules please.
- ♦ Teachers!!! If you would like to be on our mailing list to receive Updates and Reminders about Student Days; please EMAIL: STDAYS@RENFESTINFO.COM.





Teacher Housing Grants Available

Up to **\$6,000.00**

Housing GRANTS of up to \$6,000.00 are available to teachers through the Teacher Next Door Program. ALL teachers grades Pre-K through 12 and school employees will qualify for a minimum \$1,000.00 NON-repayable GRANT to be used towards closing cost.

Benefits of the Teacher Next Door Program:

Purchase ANY home on the market

NO application fees

NO up-front fees

NO Broker fees*

LOWEST interest rates for teachers*

NO MONEY DOWN home loans* (For those who qualify)

FREE home buying service thru a licensed REALTOR®

FREE Nationwide access to Foreclosures*

See how much you qualify for TODAY!

For more info and to check grant availability, visit the official Teacher Next Door website at:

www.TeacherNextDoor.us

Your Teacher Next Door Agent is:

Kym Gifford
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Student Loan Relief

Voluntary Benefit

ISLoan Solutions, an advisory company, has helped nonprofit employees nationwide lower student loan payments by **95%**, and reduce student loan balances through tax-free loan forgiveness by an average of **\$59,500** with the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.

Visit - <https://aacss-graham.myisls.com/register>

Enter registration code **GRAHAM**

Register & schedule today! Find out if this program makes sense for you.

If you have federal student loans and would like to:

- **Reduce** your student loan debt - no cap in forgiveness amount
- **Immediately** lower monthly student loan payment
- **Receive** a personalized 10-year plan outlining your savings
- **Significantly** lower your cost to earn additional degrees

More Money for What Matters

“Before working with ISLoan Solutions, my monthly student loan payment was almost twice my house payment. Now, I am paying \$144 month and will have my student loan debt behind me by the time I’m 44; that makes me feel really good. Paying less on my loans means we can save for our daughter’s education, take a return trip to Disney World, and purchase a camper to enjoy our local 4-H activities and family vacations.”

Shay Cottrill, Therapist

How it works:

- Meet with a student loan advisor to discuss your situation & goals
- They will educate you & deliver a savings plan at no cost
- Hire them to implement plan, & fees will apply, or pursue it on your own



www.isloansolutions.com

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513-645-5400

Arizona Department of Education

Certification Update

New Student Teaching Intern Certificate

The State Board of Education has adopted a new Student Teaching Intern certificate for placements beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. The certificate is **optional** and is not a requirement for participation in a student teaching capstone experience, but may be issued at the request of an approved Educator Preparation Program (EPP) and a school district or charter school seeking to place a student teacher in a paid teaching position.

Requirements for the Student Teaching Intern Certificate

The Student Teaching Intern Certificate requires the following:

- Enrollment in the culminating student teaching capstone experience of an educator preparation program. The educator preparation program must have a Board approved written supervision plan which includes the following:

 - The educator preparation provider's roles and responsibilities for the Program Supervisor, and

 - The on-site mentorship and induction provided by the Local Education Agency (LEA);

- A minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent;

- A passing score on the required Professional Knowledge **and** Subject Knowledge exams that correspond to the certificate the Student Teaching Intern is pursuing;

- If the applicant has been hired for a special education teaching position, a Bachelor's degree is required.

Application Process for the Student Teaching Intern Certificate

If a student teacher meets the above requirements, the following process should be used to apply for the Student Teaching Intern Certificate:

- The designated EPP representative completes an EPP Request for Student Teaching Intern Certificate and gives this request and all other pages of the Application for a Student Teaching Intern Certificate to the employing district or charter school.

- The district or charter school superintendent completes a District/Charter School Request for a Student Teaching Intern Certificate and gives this request, the completed EPP request, and all other pages of the Application for Student Teaching Intern certificate to the applicant.

- The Student Teaching Intern applicant submits a completed application, the EPP Request, the District/Charter School Request, a \$60 fee, and all other required documents to the Arizona Department of Education, Certification Unit.

Arizona State University, Grand Canyon University, Northcentral University/Rio Salado College, Northern Arizona University, and the University of Arizona have submitted a supervision plan to the Board and are approved to request the Student Teaching Intern certificate. A list of designated contacts from these institutions is attached to this email. If your district or charter school would like to hire a Student Teaching Intern from one of these universities, please contact the appropriate designee.

You may contact the Certification office at (602) 542-2378 or email Certification@azed.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Student Teaching Intern Certificate

Educator Preparation Program Contacts



- **Arizona State University**

Debbie Robinson

Director, Office of Clinical Experiences

Arizona State University | Mary Lou Fulton
Teachers College

Phone: 602.543.6348

Email: debbie.robinson@asu.edu

Note: Email is the best way to reach this
contact.

- **Grand Canyon University**

Alexi Linn

Clinical Practice Specialist

3300 West Camelback Rd

Phoenix, AZ 85017

Phone: (602) 639-7502

Toll Free: 1-(800) 800-9776 ext. 639-7502

Alexi.Linn@gcu.edu

- **Northern Arizona University**

Primary Contact: Marilee Eveleth, Director,
Office of Fieldwork

Email: Marilee.Eveleth@nau.edu or
NAUStudentTeaching@nau.edu

Main Phone: 928-523-7246

Phone: 928-523-7427

Fax: 928-523-7449

- **University of Arizona**

Sara Knepper

Director, Academic Advising

Phone: 520-621-7865

Email: sme@email.arizona.edu

- **Northcentral University/Rio Salado College**

Paulina Ngo

Field Experience Coordinator

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Phone: 480-517-8414.

ADE Certification Unit 6-8-2017



A Professional Development Workshop for K-5 Teachers

Teaching Elementary Economics Through the Arts

Friday, April 6, 2018

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Safford, Arizona

Nothing engages elementary students and teachers like the arts! Join us for a workshop on implementing fun, project-based learning that works through the arts to integrate elementary-level concepts from Arizona Social Studies Strand 5, economics.

First, we will show how to construct a semester-long art project. It culminates in a festive evening for the entire school community that features an art show with dinner, and upper elementary business economics interwoven throughout.

Second, we will show how to create a performance that integrates music and elementary economics principles as students learn a fun script. If you don't feel confident to write your own, don't worry; we'll include our instructor's script, and a planning calendar too.

This workshop will provide you with all the materials you will need, whether to replicate them or create your own versions, for implementation in the fall semester.

The workshop will be taught by *Eisele Award for Economics Education* winning teachers Deirdre Calhoun and Kristina Rose-Holston, who developed and implemented these programs in their own elementary classrooms.

If you've been searching for the "fun" in fundamental economics, this workshop is for you, and you will get a certificate of professional-development hours too.

There is no fee for this workshop, but you must pre-register.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

<https://oe.eeller.arizona.edu/programs/current>

*A program of the University of Arizona Office of Economic Education, and
the Offices of the Graham and Greenlee County Superintendents of Schools,
with funding from the Thomas R. Brown Foundation.*

Look what the good folks at E.A.S.I. have planned for you!



WordItOut

All teachers who teach STEM subjects are invited to join the Eastern Arizona Science Initiative, known as E.A.S.I. They have a wonderful slate of camps, professional development and meetings planned. This is the schedule, subject to slight changes, but use this to plan ahead.

Please let your fellow teachers know about the wonderful opportunities gained by joined E.A.S.I.! It's easy!

2017—2018 EASI Camps and Events Calendar:

Sat. Feb. 10	STEM UnConference at Discovery Park
Wed. Feb. 14	Feb. EASI meeting
Sat. Feb. 24	Gila Valley Health & STEAM Festival
Th.— Sat. March 8-10	Easter Arizona Regional Science Fair Competition
Wed. April 11	April EASI meeting
Sat. April 14	EASI 5th and 6th grade Saturday Science Camp
Wed. May 9	May EASI meeting
Tue.—Th. May 29-31	Tonto Creek Camp (Payson)
Tue.—Wed. June 5-6	SEATA MGIO Tours
Mon.—Wed. June 18-20	EASI Summer Science Camp
Mon.—Th. June 18-21	EASI High School Anatomy Camp



Contact Jackie Madsen at Jackie.madsen@eac.edu

Or call the EAC Discovery Park Campus at 928-428-6260

Congratulations to Allie Wren and Becky Bell!



Allie Wren, Thatcher Elementary and Becky Bell, Duncan High School were recently named STEM Educators of the Year. Congratulations to these fine educators for what they do to inspire and enrich their students in science, technology, engineering and math.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, February 24, 2018 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Location: Eastern Arizona College

North Campus 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

& Discovery Park Campus 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Enjoy **hands-on science activities** for the whole family. Food & drinks will be available from local vendors. Find out how to **become eligible for**

Passport prize drawings which include VR Goggles, a GoPro Camera and an Apple iPad!

Sponsored by Mt. Graham Regional Medical Center, Eastern Arizona College, Freeport-McMoRan Inc., National Science Foundation, LifeNet, ASU, CMI, GCEC, Sunrise Aviation, Bushman Dental, and Grand Canyon University. The Gila Valley Health and STEAM Festival is presented in alliance with the school districts of Graham County.



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GILA VALLEY
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United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties

Education Grant Opportunities

Goal Statement:

The United Way of Graham & Greenlee counties recognizes that education 1) happens everywhere, 2) begins at birth and does not stop, and 3) is a collective community endeavor.

Objectives:

Improving school readiness for every child

The United Way will support activities that help prepare children from birth-to-4 years for successful entry into kindergarten.

Supporting efforts to ensure every student reads at grade level - especially by third grade

The United Way will support and collaborate with educators, agencies and partners who are working to address grade level reading for all grades.

Increasing student access to quality transitional programs

The United Way will support educators, entities and programs that address learning-loss or key transitional periods for students such as after school activities, summer programs and internship opportunities.

Supporting community and school district efforts with teacher retention and recruitment

The United Way will support school districts, businesses, governmental agencies and community development organizations to enhance teacher workforce recruitment and retention.

Providing direct support to teachers in the classroom by helping to cultivate innovative learning environments and approaches

The United Way will partner with schools and teachers to implement innovative approaches to help address 21st Century challenges.

Partnerships:

The United Way recognizes that community partnerships are essential to achieving these education objectives. Wherever possible, the United Way will seek to strengthen and broaden community partnerships for the purposes of leveraging resources, sharing of knowledge and expertise, and enhancing program impacts.

Apply Now!

Visit the United Way website at www.uwggc.com

Click on "How to Apply"

Applications will be reviewed each month except during December.

For assistance with your grant, contact Paulette LeBlanc

pleblanc@aznex.net

Rural Activation and Innovation Network



RAIN STEM

Grants are available for up to \$5,000.

STEM Grants!

Grants do not cover salaries, utilities or administrative costs, and must be an “extra-curricular”, weekend or summer event and not during the regular school day.

Please take advantage of the current Funding Cycles:

Winter 2018 *(Open February 1, Due March 1, Notified April 1)*

Spring 2018 *(Open May 1, Due June 1, Notified July 1)*

***Attention Graham & Greenlee County Teachers
and Community STEM Educators:***

Do you have a GREAT idea for a sustainable STEM activity or event... but need help with funding? The Rural Activation and Innovation Network (RAIN) of Graham & Greenlee County can help!

Led by Arizona State University and Arizona Science Center, RAIN (Rural Activation and Innovation Network) is funded by the National Science Foundation to help rural communities in Arizona collaborate on developing locally relevant learning experiences in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). While there are many people in rural areas working on this issue, RAIN aims to bring individuals and organizations together into networks that can share resources and knowledge for learning and outreach.

For more information, Grant Application and Scoring Rubric go to: 4azrain.org

[Hover over “Rural Innovation Councils” and Click on “Graham/Greenlee Counties”](#)

From the Graham County Sheriff's Office....Text a Tip

"The Text a Tip" program allows a citizen to anonymously submit a crime tip to law enforcement in Graham County. This service was started as a combined effort between the Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition and local law enforcement agencies. It is administered by the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Division.

How it works:

- ◆ A citizen can text grahamtip to 50911 and type the message they want to submit.
- ◆ The message is then sent to the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Center.
- ◆ The message is sent anonymously so the dispatcher has no way of knowing who sent it.
- ◆ There is no caller ID on your message.
- ◆ The dispatcher will review the tip information and pass it along to the appropriate agency.
- ◆ It can be used to report drugs, gangs, violence, threats, bullying, vandalism, abuse, illegal dumping, etc.

We still encourage those needing to report in-progress emergencies to call 9-1-1.

Further information about the program can be obtained by contacting Sgt. Scott Howell at 928-792-5404 or showell@graham.az.gov.

Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family

"Healthy Families, Healthy Youth"

In 2016, Governor Ducey's Office of Youth, Faith and Family started a pilot program to help families avoid with the realities of addiction and the devastating effects on our children. The "Keep Them Safe" program brings 7th graders and their parents together for an evening of education and planning for strategies to face the stressors, risks and pressures presented to our kids on a daily basis. The program started with one school in each county. This year, it has expanded to include 53 districts throughout the state. Based on the early success of the pilot, we believe the program will continue to expand.

Information is available for all families in Arizona, whether they are in the county programs or not.

Please visit **KeepthemSafe.az.gov** to learn more about strategies to keep communication open and to take advantage of "teachable moments" regarding drug abuse and addiction.

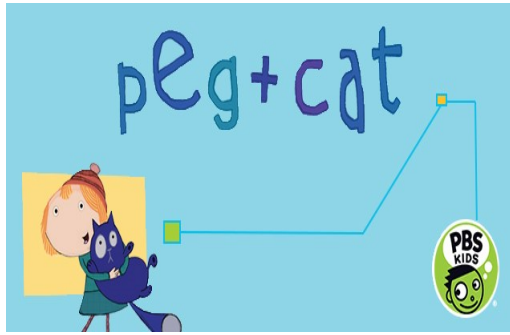
Additionally, the following resources are available:

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. - ncadd.org

National Helpline 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

National Institute on Drug Abuse—drugabuse.gov

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—samhsa.gov



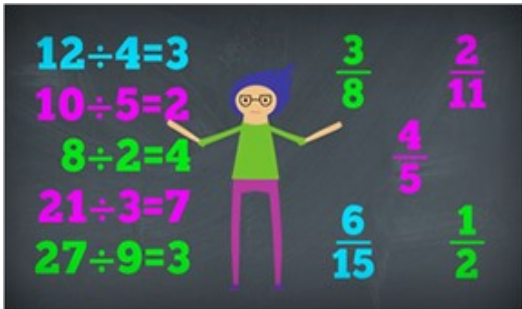
Math is all around us; show your students how to spot it!

Looking for ways to spice up your math lessons? Jump into the world of *Peg + Cat* and the wacky word problems that they encounter in every episode! Peg and Cat grapple with all kinds of loopy obstacles under intense time pressure. Use these resources to help your students explore real-life situations involving math that they'll be thrilled and entertained by. [Explore Collection](#)



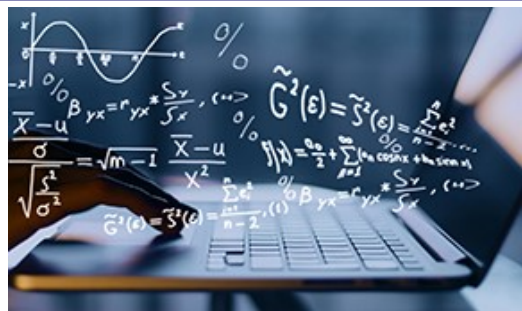
Concept of Number Grades: PreK-K

Discover a video that can help you teach your students one of the most important building blocks to understand math: developing the concept of a number. [Explore More](#)



I < 3 Math Grades: 4-8

Want helpful and fun videos to introduce your middle-schooler to mathematics? Explore a collection where each video focuses on topics that help students understand the "how" and "why" behind mathematical problem solving. [Explore More](#)



Everyday Math Grades: 6-13+

Math isn't just for the classroom, and with this collection your students will be introduced to challenging topics, such as percentages, probabilities, and debt, in new and inventive ways. [Discover More](#)



PBS + Edcamp Announce Partnership

This partnership aims to empower teachers by bringing educators together from communities across the US and helping to elevate their voices. [Read More](#)



The Amazing Effects of Gratitude Grades: 6-12

The holidays are the perfect time to celebrate thankfulness! Brain-craft has the science behind why expressing gratitude feels so good.

[Watch Video](#)



Thank You, Neighbors! Grades: PreK-1

Every day is a great day to say "thank you"! Prompt young learners to think about what they are thankful for this holiday season. [Watch Video](#)

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING WITH
DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD
February 6, 7-8pm EST



Webinar—Social & Emotional Learning with Daniel Tiger February 6 @ 7pm ET

Featuring content from Emmy Award-nominated PBS KIDS show *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood*, this session will focus on media tools that can be used to teach our youngest learners about skills like patience, dealing with frustration, and how to understand and manage their feelings.

[Register Now](#)



Webinar—Playful Learning with Technology February 22 @ 7pm ET

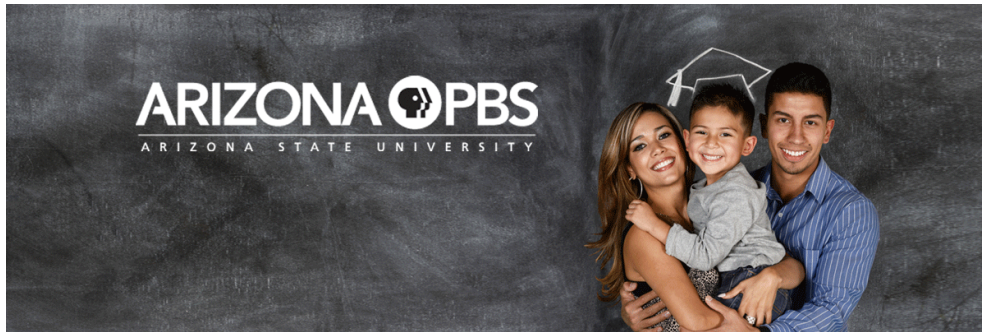
Wondering how to balance meaningful screen time with playful hands-on learning? What questions should you ask when evaluating digital media, apps for kids, and online games to use in your learning environment? Discover the answer to these questions by registering for this virtual event! [Register Now](#)

Free professional development events for PreK-1 teachers!

Learning with PBS KIDS is a virtual PD series specially designed with PreK- 1st grade teachers in mind. With an emphasis on fun, engaging, accessible, and free tools for early childhood classrooms, this series will highlight key themes including the arts, social and emotional learning, playful learning, and meaningful screen time. PBS will provide a certificate of attendance for each 1 hour virtual PD



PBS LearningMedia™



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PBS KIDS

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Take part in this annual family friendly celebration featuring favorite characters from PBS KIDS programs and interactive activities for children.

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Civic Space Park - Downtown Phoenix

Guest appearances from
Daniel Tiger & Katerina Kittycat,
Nature Cat, Word Girl, Curious George,
Peg + Cat and more.

Information and RSVP at
azpbs.org/kidsday



Professional Development



Teaching Math (Grades K-2): A Special Collection from Annenberg Learner

Grades: K-2 | Hours: 45

Enroll in a class that will expand your understanding of these five key processes: communication, problem solving, reasoning and proof, representation, and connections. This course can help you become more comfortable in helping your students develop a fuller sense of mathematics. [Explore Course](#)



Teaching Animal Adaptations in the Inquiry-Based Classroom (Facilitated)

Grades: K-2 | Hours: 15

This course will be using PBS KIDS digital resources to help you develop a firm understanding of connected learning approaches to support young children's knowledge of Animal Adaptations. [Explore Course](#)

Learning with PBS KIDS: Social & Emotional Learning with Daniel Tiger Virtual PD Event



This 1 hour, virtual-PD event will feature a discussion on social and emotional curriculum for kids aged 2-4. Featuring content from Emmy Award-nominated PBS KIDS show Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, this session will focus on media tools that can be used to teach our youngest learners about skills like patience, dealing with frustration, and how to understand and manage their feelings. [Register Now](#) February 6, 2018



Learning with PBS KIDS: Playful Learning with Technology Virtual PD Event

Wondering how to balance meaningful screen time with playful hands-on learning? What questions should you ask when evaluating digital media, apps for kids, and online games to use in your learning environment? During this teacher PD event, we'll explore creative solutions to these questions and develop appropriate strategies! [Register Now](#)



PBS LearningMedia 101

Expand your digital toolkit and discover how PBS LearningMedia and its collection of over 120K standards-aligned resources can be integrated into meaningful learning experiences for your students. [Register Now](#)

Arizona Geographic Alliance (AzGA)

Arizona State University | School of Geographical Sciences & Urban Planning | P O Box 875302 | Tempe, AZ 85287-5302 |

cathy.davis@asu.edu | 480-965-5361 * fax 480-965-8313 <http://geoalliance.asu.edu/> | <https://www.facebook.com/geoalliance/>
976 S Forest Mall, Coor Bldg, Fifth Floor, Room 5677 (Zip 85281)

How to use Google MyMaps in the classroom

<http://ditchthattextbook.com/2016/11/10/how-to-create-media-rich-interactive-maps-for-deeper-learning/>

Connects to locations on a map, letting students create custom maps and add pins to certain locations with text, images, sketches, YouTube, etc.

Free Marine Debris Monitoring Toolkit for Educators

<https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif>

Marine debris is a growing environmental issue that negatively affects our ocean on a global scale. In response, the NOAA Marine Debris Program and the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries have developed the Marine Debris Toolkit. Composed of teacher resources, data collection and analysis guidelines, and community engagement and outreach activities, it guides in hands-on scientific monitoring, targeted education, community outreach and empowers students to become ocean stewards by taking action against marine debris on campus, in their local community, and at home.

Folk Art Guide - Copal paper mache sculptures and Oaxaca wood carvings

<http://www.mexican-folk-art-guide.com/alebrijes.html#.Wh7c5lWnFaR>

Commercial site but has resources that might be useful to use re movie "Coco". Click under Folk Art Guide, Day of the Dead to see more resources.

Professional Development

Summer Fellowships for Pre-K-12 Teachers

Fund for Teachers <http://www.fundforteachers.org/>

Fund for Teachers awards fellowships to pre-K-12 classroom teachers throughout the United States to design their own professional learning to instructional skills, deepen content knowledge, and increase student engagement. Educators should propose a summer professional learning experience and explain how it will improve their teaching, how the applicant will implement new improved skills in the classroom, and how these improved skills will benefit students, curricula, the school, and community. Teachers must have a minimum of three years of experience and be full-time teachers spending at least 50% of their time in the classroom. Eligible teachers may apply as individuals (funding limit of \$5,000) or as a team (funding limit of \$10,000). **The application deadline is January 31, 2018.**

Reading Material Maps in the Digital Age, An NEH Summer Seminar at the Newberry Library (Chicago, IL)

<https://readingmaterialmaps.wordpress.com/>

A Summer Seminar for School Teachers | Monday, July 9, 2018 – Friday, August 3, 2018

Each participant will receive a stipend according to the duration of the Seminar or Institute, whether one (\$1,200) two (\$2,100), three (\$2,700), or four (\$3,300) weeks. The stipend is intended to help cover travel, housing, meals, and basic academic expenses. Stipends are taxable. Though the traditional emphasis of classroom map use has been on teaching history, geography, and social studies, we encourage language arts, art, and science teachers to apply as well. **The online application deadline is March 1, 2018.**

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GeoNomics: Geography & Economics Sonoran Desert Style

When: February 27, 2018 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Where: i.d.e.a. Museum | 150 W Pepper Place | Mesa, AZ 85201

Come join Arizona Council on Economic Education (ACEE), the Arizona Geographic Alliance (AzGA) and the i.d.e.a. Museum for a fun-filled evening featuring a tour of the Sonoran Safari exhibit, lesson demonstrations and new ideas for integrating the study of geography, economics and art with a special focus on the desert. For Grades K-5.

\$15 Registration fee includes 2 hours of professional development and dinner.

Register at:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eeu285rg4712b262&llr=mwireqcab>

Grants

Steelcase Active Learning Center Grant

<https://info.steelcase.com/active-learning-center-grant>

Steelcase Education seeks partners in active learning who are ready to use their physical classroom space to advance learning in new and important ways. Submit your proposal by Friday, February 2, 2018. •Up to 16 grants awarded per year | •Grant value: \$67,000 | •Eligible Classrooms: Grades 6-12, colleges and universities

Contest

National Park Trust - Kids to Parks Day National School Contest

<https://www.parktrust.org/kids-to-parks-day/school-contest/>

this national contest is open to all Title I schools in the United States (grades pre-K through 12). Classes can receive funding for a KTP event at a park or public land/waterway in their community. Students must research and write the proposal themselves, although we encourage teachers to provide support and feedback! Your entries should explain how your experience will promote education, health and wellness, and park stewardship. NPT will award park grants up to \$1,000 to winning entries. We encourage schools to implement their KTP event during the month of May 2018, but exceptions can be made based on school schedules.

Kids to Parks Day May 19, 2018

<https://www.parktrust.org/kids-to-parks-day/>

New lesson!

Unveiling the Roles of Women in the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Description:

In this lesson, students will work with primary and secondary sources to critically analyze the roles of women in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The students will use statistical data to create a choropleth map addressing gender equity. Students will also write a reflection on what they have learned.

Author: Dawn Schmidt **Grade Range:** 9-12 **Duration:** 3 class periods [Teacher Instructions](#) [Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys](#) [Map](#) [Southwest Asia Map Answer Key](#) [Map](#) [Southwest Asia](#)

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Story Monsters Among Us

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/story-monsters-among-us-tickets-42131132351>

Using storytelling to make nonfiction FUN! A mini-writing workshop **with author Conrad J. Storad**

Join AzGA for a no-cost two hour mini-workshop as award winning author Conrad Storad presents unique perspective on writing and presenting nonfiction material to students ages 5 to 12. The session is a beginner's guide for teachers, writers, and those who work with young writers and readers, both the enthusiastic and reluctant variety. The session offers tips for writers of all ages. It is NOT a session on how to get a book published.

When: Saturday, March 3, 2018 | 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Where: Arizona State University Memorial Union, Ventana Room

Cost: Free but you must place a \$15 deposit to assure your attendance at the event.

It will be promptly refunded after you attend. If you do not attend, we will be keeping the deposit.

Who should attend? K-12 teachers who wish to engage their students in non-fiction reading and writing.

Do you know Conrad Storad?

Conrad J. Storad is the award-winning author or editor of more than 50 science and nature books for children and young adults. His newest titles include the picture books *Gator, Gator, Second Grader*, *Monster in the Rocks*, *Fang and Stinger (An Arachnid Story)*, *Arizona Way Out West & Wacky*, and *Arizona Way Out West & Witty*, fun history and activity books for young readers co-authored with Linda Exley. Other books include *Don't Call Me Pig*, *Lizards for Lunch* and *Rattlesnake Rules*.

STEMteachersPHX

will host their first full conference on February 3 at ASU in Tempe with sessions with experts to discuss the T, E, and M in STEM. Expect panels with students who went to the ISEF last summer, Engineering students from ASU and Chief Science Officers: middle and high school students who promote science at their schools.

What: Making STEM Relevant to Students

When: February 3, 8:30 am to 1 pm

Where: ASU Engineering buildings Tempe (parking is free on Saturday)

Cost: \$25 for teachers, \$10 for administration

How: Register: <http://bit.ly/2D7A3Yn>

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Keizai Koho Center Teacher Fellowship 2018

<http://www.us-japan.org/programs/kkc/k2018/index.html>

FREE teachers' study tours to Japan. Meet with scholars and experts, visit companies, stay with a Japanese host family, and participate in cultural events. To be eligible to apply, you have to demonstrate a strong interest in Japan but have never lived there or traveled there on a similar study program. And you have to be a middle school or high school social studies teacher. The travel dates are tentatively scheduled for June 25-July 3, 2018.

NEH Summer Programs in the Humanities

<https://www.neh.gov/divisions/education/summer-programs>

The National Endowment for the Humanities has a lot of FUNDED teachers' summer seminars and institutes (for summer 2018) on a wide variety of topics and locations. Pre-service teachers are also encouraged to apply – they usually save some spots for them in each group. This is a long and interesting list of offerings. **Deadline to apply: March 1, 2018 but start now!**

Resources & Tools

Virtual Tours - 360 plus of many different sites

<http://www.3dmekanlar.com/en/3d.html>

Middle Eastern/European sites: mosques, parks, palaces, museums, all kinds of places. You can visit Saudi Arabia (the Hajj), Palestine, Turkey, Syria, Egypt, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and other places including space. It's pretty amazing!

Nature Sound Map

<http://www.naturesoundmap.com/>

A group of professional nature recordists from around the globe have collaborated to develop Nature Soundmap, an enjoyable and interactive way of exploring the natural sounds of our planet. Combining high-quality field recordings with the latest satellite imagery, the project brings together some of nature's most beautiful, interesting and inspiring sounds.

Website developed by Wild Ambience Nature Sounds, Sydney, Australia -

<https://wildambience.com/> (also worth checking out)

World Geography Games

<http://world-geography-games.com/>

(from Technology4Teachers) Entertaining & stimulating map games to improve your geographical knowledge. The quizzes include questions about countries, states, capitals, flags, regions, bodies of water, mountains, deserts, metropolitan areas and other topics that will test and challenge your knowledge. You need Flash player.

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)

<http://www.nctm.org/> - must be a member to access most resources.

<http://www.nctm.org/Grants/> for grants, scholarships & awards. Encouraged, but not required, to be a member. About 25 opportunities with deadlines to apply in 2018.

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Ancestry.com, Newspapers.com, Fold3

<https://www.ancestryk12.com/k12/ApplyForGrant>

If your classroom, school, and/or school district are awarded an AncestryK12 grant, your students will be able to access classroom versions of Ancestry, Fold3, and Newspapers.com, onsite from computers within the IP ranges you specify in your application, by visiting <https://www.ancestryclassroom.com>, <http://www.fold3.com/>, or <http://www.newspapers.com/> (the "Grant Websites").

Please NOTE: The grant is for free access to these sites, and one application covers all three sites. No monetary award.

Salt River Project

<https://www.srpnet.com/education/grants/default.aspx>

SRP offers a total of \$200,000 in direct classroom funding annually through three distinct Classroom Connections grant programs including Social Studies. Grants are awarded to help educators present academic content and teach skills in the interrelated disciplines of **history, geography, civics, government, and economics** up to \$2,500.

Professional Development

State level -- Registration open now!

National Geographic Educator Community - on line
PD online opportunities, events, training, and other resources. [Link to join the National Geographic Educator Community](#)

GeoGame - Place Spotting (based on Google Earth)

<http://www.placespotting.com/>

A website of geographic riddles. Place Spotting is based on the Google Earth platform. Place Spotting users can create their own geographic riddles or try to solve riddles created by others. The search feature on Place Spotting lets users search for riddles based on level of difficulty, language, region, or creation date.

GeoGame - Where In the World (based on Google Earth - Street View)

<http://www.superbreak.com/inspiration/where-in-the-world#>

Street View quiz from SuperBreak. You are shown a succession of Google Maps Street View images of famous locations around the world. All you have to do is choose the correct location from three different answers. The game allows you to choose from five different categories, History, Travel, Royal Attractions, Nature & Parks and Entertainment. Once you have selected your categories you are shown 10 different Street View images and your job is to guess where in the world each image is from.

Major Countries Outline Maps (hard copy)

Free

<https://manywaystoseetheworld.org/products/ncgemajorcountries> OR
<http://conta.cc/2i4M3Ds>

Two dozen maps (23 double-sided) 8-1/2" x 11" on high gloss paper. Plus 18 maps (9 double-sided) identifying provinces or states on regular paper. A world map showing the location of each country. Plus a chart indicating population and land area for each of the 23 countries represented. These outline maps were published by the National Council for Geographic Education, a non-profit organization devoted to enhancing the status and quality of geography teaching and learning. The date of the map boundaries is 2004. These map sets are copyright-free and may be reproduced for any non-profit educational project. All that is required is proper attribution of NCGE as the source.

April 19-21, 2018

<http://www.nche.net/conference> **National Council for History Education (NCHE)**

2017 NCHE National Conference – San Antonio, TX

FMA - Free Music Archive

[http://freemusicarchive.org/curator/video?](http://freemusicarchive.org/curator/video?wlex-)
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The Free Music Archive is an interactive library of high-quality, legal audio downloads directed by WFMU, the most renowned freeform radio station in America. Radio has always offered the public free access to new music.

Every MP3 on The Free Music Archive is pre-cleared for certain types of uses that would otherwise be prohibited by copyright laws that were not designed for the digital era.

Arizona Department of Education

To join the ADE K-12 mailing list go here:

<http://www.azed.gov/standards-practices/academic-standards/join-the-k-12-academic-standards-mailing-list/>

Also reachable from this page: Content Area Resources, Instructional Support, Webinars, Standards.

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Just for fun

History of The Universe in 13,799 Dominoes

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTRM8LE1g6UXrVZKw50EA>

If you set up a row of dominoes as a timeline of history from the Big Bang to now, and had each domino represent 1 million years it would stretch over 300 meters long. I know because that's what I did for this video. The universe is very old. From The Scope of Science guy. About 14 minutes.

Games

Earth-Picker

<http://www.earth-picker.com/>

Earth Picker - 360 views of a place, guess where it is by dropping an arrow on an interactive map. After clicking on the location you think you are seeing the correct site will come up with the difference in actual distance from their projection. About 5 questions per set.

Contests

Cornell Lab of Ornithology - BirdSleuth K-12

<http://www.birdsleuth.org/national-challenge/>

In this Year of the Bird - This year, join Cornell Lab in discovering something new about bird feeding behaviors by taking part in a National Challenge. Educators or parents, complete the online interest form and use the provided link to download Investigating Evidence. You'll also get a coupon for free bird food to use during this national challenge. Start brainstorming your feeder behavior study. Check out the sample studies or past BirdSleuth Investigator editions for inspiration.

Complete your study, write it up, and submit to us through BirdSleuth Investigator online submission **process no later than May 1, 2018.**

NSTA Toshiba Exploravision

<http://teachers.egfi-k12.org/exploravision-2018/>

ExploraVision is a K-12 STEM competition that focuses on what it takes to bring ideas to reality. Working with a teacher, teams of up to 4 students pick a current technology, research it, envision what it might look like in 20 years, and describe the development steps, pros and cons, and obstacles. **Projects due February 8, 2018.** Full eligibility info here: <https://www.exploravision.org/rules-requirements>

Wearable Device Challenge

<http://teachers.egfi-k12.org/ncsu-wearable-device-challenge/>

"Fashion sense" takes on a whole new meaning in North Carolina State University's Wearable Device Challenge for middle and high school students. This contest is really more for local to NC State students because of the logistics involved, but the lessons may be of interest and may be found at <https://assist.ncsu.edu/wearable-device/lesson-plans/>

Hosted by the National Science Foundation-funded Nanosystems Engineering Research Center for Advanced Self-Powered Systems of Integrated Sensors and Technologies (ASSIST), the contest asks teams to follow the engineering design process to create a health-monitoring device for a person, animal, or both, based on environmental factors.



Welcome new Library Director Victoria Silva!

The Safford City-Graham County Library offers amazing resources for teachers and students at no cost!

Library Cards Residents of Graham and Greenlee county are eligible for a free library card. Children under 18 must have a parent's or legal guardian's permission to get a library card.

Library Tours and ScienceCity Field Trips Library tours are available for classes with at least 2 weeks' notice. For more information, write to Victoria Silva at vsilva@saffordaz.gov. A limited number of hands-on ScienceCity field trips are available to K-6th classes visiting the library. For more information, write to Lesley Talley at ltalley@saffordaz.gov.

Online Tutoring Live, online tutoring for students in kindergarten through college is available daily from 2pm till midnight through Tutor.com on the library's website. Tutor.com is free to all students in Graham and Greenlee counties thanks to support from the Safford Library, the Greenlee County Library District and the United Way of Graham County.

Online Classes - Universal Class

Over 500 free online classes are available to library card holders. Courses include computer skills and teacher related courses for CEU credit. Remember, the classes are free **ONLY** if accessed through the library's website.

Language Learning - Mango Languages

User-friendly language learning is available for over 70 languages through Mango Languages. It includes 11 ESL options for those who are learning English. Remember, the classes are free **ONLY** if accessed through the library's website.

Academic Databases

Information-packed online databases from Gale and World Book Encyclopedia are available for elementary through high-school age children. With vetted information, no pop-up ads and clear citations, they offer a great research tool for students.

Tumblebooks, eBooks and downloadable audiobooks

Digital versions of many popular books for young children through teens are available through the library website. Tumblebooks targets younger children with colorful picture books and simple chapter books. Our eBook and downloadable audiobook collections include titles for tweens and teens.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Thanks to funding from Arizona First Things First, all children in Graham and Greenlee counties are eligible to receive free books mailed to their home from birth until their 5th birthday. These high- quality books are theirs to keep and build their own home library.

Books, DVDs and Audiobooks

With approximately 45,000 items on the shelves, the library is sure to have something for you or your students. From picture books and children's audiobooks to nonfiction books and DVDs, we have great resources to support you in the classroom.

For more information or for a teacher tour/training, call 432-4165.



Register Your School for Arizona Poetry Out Loud!

Registration is now open for 2018 Arizona Poetry Out Loud. Teachers who would like to participate register their schools for the program. Once registered, each participating teacher/school site receives a toolkit, which includes a program guide to help teach recitation and performance and a DVD and companion guide for learning recitation-free of charge.

*Poetry Out Loud is a poetry recitation contest for high school students that begins in classrooms across the country and culminates with the Poetry Out Loud National Finals in Washington DC where champions from all 50 states compete for a total of **\$50,000 in scholarships and school stipends**, including a **\$20,000 college scholarship** for the Poetry Out Loud National Champion.*

[Click here to learn more](#)

Fiscal Year 2019 Grants Information Session for Nonprofits

The application period for Fiscal Year 2019 Community Investment Grants (CIG) and Festival Grants is now open. The application deadline is 11:59 p.m., Thursday, March 15, 2018.

To help potential applicants prepare successful applications, we are presenting online information sessions for both Community Investment Grants and Festival Grants. These online information sessions will walk potential applicants through the grant application guidelines, including eligibility requirements, funding restrictions, and application process. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions. Recordings of each session will be available for viewing on this page the following day.

<https://azarts.gov/news/fiscal-year-2019-grants-information-session-nonprofits/>

Save America's Treasures Grant

Deadline: February 21, 2018

The National Park Service, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), is now accepting applications for \$5 million in matching grants to support the preservation of nationally significant historic properties and collections through the Save America's Treasures program.

[Click here to learn more](#)

Request for Applications | Rural Communities Facing Design Challenges

Deadline: February 16, 2018

The CIRD program provides rural communities with populations of 50,000 or less the opportunity to address challenges related to economic vitality and quality of life by employing design solutions. CIRD convenes two-day workshops with design professionals, local leaders, community organizations, and residents to create a plan for tackling issues around three topic areas—multimodal transportation, healthy living by design, and main street revitalization.

[Click here to learn more](#)

There is a critical need for foster parents in Arizona, and especially for homes who can accept teenagers. Mean the world to someone special!

There are more than 18,000 children in Arizona's foster care system and there is a critical need for foster families to care for them across the state. We recruit, train and provide necessary supports for our foster families. We pride ourselves on having a variety of unique programs and services available to help meet their needs.

HOW WE HELP

We are Arizona's best resource for helping children and families. Our programs target the type of future we all want to see: a future where every child has a safe and loving home and families are supported through difficult and trying circumstances. It is our commitment to provide a specifically tailored continuum of services to children and families in need. All programs are family focused, strength-based, culturally sensitive and outcome driven.

[foster care & adoption](#)

[behavioral health & trauma response](#)

[Family preservation & reunification](#)

[kinship services](#)

[Family Education & Support](#)

[young adult](#)

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**We are Arizona's best resource
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Opportunities for Social Studies/History/Science Educators

Secondary teachers:

Here's an interesting online course from the Smithsonian Institute: "Teaching Historical Inquiry with Objects." It's free, but you pay \$50 if you need a verified certificate. For more info, go to: <https://www.edx.org/course/teaching-historical-inquiry-objects-smithsonianx-ed1-1x-1#>!

Arizona Science Lab welcomes you back for another great year of hands-on science and engineering!

All Our Workshops Are Free!

Our workshops are always free to you. We appreciate our sponsors so much for making this possible. Together with our volunteers, who are talented engineers and professionals, they make it possible to provide quality workshops to you for free. All you have to do is [drop us an e-mail](#) to get your registration started. We'll work with you to choose the right workshop for your students, find a date that works with your schedule, and get you registered. Don't let the fall semester slip by without visiting the Arizona Science Lab -- FOR FREE!

When to Schedule!

Schedule a workshop when it fits *your* schedule. [Then check our calendar](#) to see if the date is open. Give us a least 15 days to be sure we can schedule our volunteers and supplies.

Book a Workshop

Get the process started. [Contact our Registrar](#), Roy, to put your date and workshop on our calendar. He'll confirm your selections with you, and schedule your workshop. [If you have questions, contact him](#), and he can help you make the reservation.

Volunteer at ASL

We are very thankful for the talent and energy of our volunteers. They make the Science Lab successful by connecting with the students and helping them achieve good results from their projects. Please contact our [Volunteer Coordinator](#) to help out. Or, [visit our Volunteer's page](#) for more information.



Grant Funding Alerts *It's never too early to start working on a grant!*

Name: Freeport-McMoRan STEM Innovation Grants

Who: K—12 Teachers, school administrators or parent volunteers/PTA officials

Amount: Up to \$5,000

Deadline: March 15 each year (window: Dec. 1—March 15)

http://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/schools/stem-grant

Name: Freeport-McMoRan Mini-Grants for Education (Get ready for the next cycle!)

Who: Teachers, school administrators or parent volunteers/PTA officials

Amount: \$100-\$500

Deadline: October 1, 2017 (window: May 1—Oct.1)

Link: <http://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/schools/mini-grants>

DonorsChoose.org Makes It Simple to Help Classrooms

DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need. Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on this site.

Donors can find projects or classrooms that most inspire them and make a donation. When a project reaches its funding goal, Do-norsChoose.org ships the materials to the school. You'll get photos of the project, a letter from the teacher, and insight into how every dollar was spent. Give over \$50 and you'll also receive a hand-written thank from the students. If you're a teacher looking for sup-port for a classroom project, just go to Donors Choose.org and start your own account. The

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced that it will match \$1 million in donations to DonorsChoose.org. Donors need to enter the code JUMPSTART to have their donation matched.

Siemens Possibility Grant Sweepstakes

<https://www.siemensstemday.com/sweepstakes>

Who: Teachers working for a 501(c)(3) school, whether public, private, or religious.

Grand Prize: \$10,000 toward making over a science lab and buying equipment and technology.

Deadline: 5 p.m. Eastern, April 27, 2018. Participants can enter daily.

International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Awards

[Www.iste.org/lead/awards](http://www.iste.org/lead/awards)

Applications due February 28, 2018

The annual ISTE awards recognize exceptional educators and leaders who are paving the way for connected learning. We seek those whose exemplary work provides a model for teaching, learning and leading in the digital age.



Office of Diane M. Douglas
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High Quality Teacher Professional Development Pilot Program

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!



Apply now to receive up to \$2,000 in professional development scholarship money over three years. Professional development must support the certificated teacher in gaining additional credentials and/or certifications in math, science, technology, engineering or career and technical education.

Scholarship applicants must:

- 1) Be an Arizona certified teacher with a current contract at an Arizona public school;
- 2) Pursue professional development at a regionally or nationally accredited public or private postsecondary educational institution(s) in Arizona; and
- 3) Agree to teach in a public school in Arizona for three years after the completing coursework or program.

For more information:

Visit our website at: <http://www.azed.gov/hetl/pd-pilot-program/>

Email the Inbox at:

TeacherProfessionalDevelopmentScholarship@azed.gov

Call us at (602) 364-1842

What does that mean?

Arizona Educational Acronyms

P

PCP - Person Centered Plan

PE - Physical Education

PFP – Pay for Performance

PPAC – Professional Practices Advisory Committee

PT - Physical Therapy/Therapist

Q

QTL- Qualifying Tax Levy

QTR- Qualifying Tax Rate

R

RFI- Request for Information

RFP- Request for Proposals

RFQ- Request for Quotes

RSA - Rehabilitation Services Administration

RTI - Response to Intervention

S

SAREC – Southern Arizona Regional Education Center

SBE – State Board of Education

SCOTUS – Supreme Court of the United States

SDER – School District Employee Report

SEA - State Education Agency

SEI – Structured English Immersion

SES- Socio Economic Status

SGT- Student Growth to Target.

SLD - Specific Learning Disability

SLI- Speech Language Impairment

SLP - Speech and Language Pathologist